



Suggested Reading for Kids Entering 5th Grade

* Try other books by this author or in this series.

Juvenile Fiction

Arnold, Louise. *"Golden & Grey"* books.

A downhearted ghost becomes Tom's invisible friend.

Amato, Mary.* *Invisible Lines*. It's hard to fit in when you're from the wrong side of town.

+Barrett, Tracy. *"The Sherlock Files"* books. Xena and Xander work on Sherlock Holmes' unsolved cases.

+Cooper, Susan.* *The Dark Is Rising* sequence. Children fight Dark powers with help from Merlin.

+Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*. He's a young messenger during the American Revolution.

+Going, K.L. *The Liberation of Gabriel King*. A boy and girl make lists to overcome their fears.

Higgins, F.E.* *The Bone Magician*. Working at a morgue seems safe, until a body sits up and talks.

+Hobbs, Valerie.* *Defiance*. Cancer patient Toby learns a lot about living... and dying.

Hofmeyr, Dianne.* *Eye of the Moon*. Can the poisoned boy-king Tuthmosis regain his throne?

+Jones, Diana Wynne.* *Enchanted Glass*. Aiden flees from the creepy creatures trying to kill him.

Kadohata, Cynthia.* *Cracker! Best Dog in Vietnam*. Young soldier bonds with his scout-dog.

+Korman, Gordon.* *Swindle* sequence. Griffin will do anything to get back what's rightfully his.

Leal, Ann. *Also Known as Harper*. Life in the hard lane as Harper struggles to care for her family and be a poet.

+Meloy, Colin. *Wildwood* sequence. Her brother is taken into the 'Wilderness' and Prue goes in to get him back.

Montalbano, Andrea. *Breakaway*. Soccer is LJ's life until she gets suspended from the team.

+Paulsen, Gary.* *Lawn Boy* books. A boy accidentally turns a summer job into a mountain of cash.

+Rhodes, Jewell. *Ninth Ward*. Hurricane Katrina approaches. Can Lanesha's 2nd sight save her?

+Shahan, Sherry. *Frozen Stiff*. Kids must survive the Alaskan wilderness after losing their kayak.

+Smiley, Jane.* *"The Horses of Oak Valley Ranch"* books. Abby deals with horses, family, and peer pressure.



+Springer, Nancy. *"Enola Holmes"* books. Sherlock Holmes's little sister outwits him.

Wilhelm, Doug. *The Revealers*. Three outcasts unite to stop bullying at their school.

+Wilson, Nathan D.* *"100 Cupboards"* books. Each door leads to a different and dangerous world.

Non Fiction

J 001.94 Allen.* *Unexplained: An Encyclopedia of Curious Phenomena, Strange Superstitions, and Ancient Mysteries*. The title says it all.

+398.2. Yolen.* *Mightier than the Sword: World Folktales for Strong Boys*. Hero tales.

J 613.69 Champion. *In an Emergency*. Animal attack, wild weather—how to survive.

J 741.5 Roche. *Comic Strips: Create Your Own Comic Strips From Start to Finish*. Learn the ins and outs of making your own comics.

J 811 Singer.* *Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse*. Poetry to flip over.

+J817 Leno. *How to be the Funniest Kid in the Whole Wide World (or just in your class)*. Humor for the 21st century.

J 910.9 Ross.* *Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Land, Sea and Air*. 14 journeys in cross-section fold-outs.

+J 931 O'Connor.* *The Emperor's Silent Army*. Learn the secrets of the terracotta warriors.

+J973.35. Lefkowitz. *Bushnell's Submarine*. A compelling read about the world's first submarine in 1776.

+J977.311 Murphy.* *The Great Fire*. Follow people as they escape the Great Chicago Fire.

J B GLENN. *Liftoff*. John Glenn—from astronaut to senator.

J B HALVORSON. *Candy Bomber*. After WWII a young pilot switches from bombs to chocolate.

+ Available in Talking Books through the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1-800-964-9209 or referenc@lbph.lib.md.us.

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